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## **Community Project Funding Statements of Support**

### **City of Hopewell's Cattail Creek Crossing Project**

"The City of Hopewell wishes to provide our sincerest gratitude to Congressman McEachin and the Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee for their support of the Cattail Creek Improvement Project. The receipt of this tremendous funding will greatly improve and strengthen the resiliency of our community by increasing the flow capacity of Cattail Creek channel and culverts crossing CSX & Norfolk Southern RR to address repeated flooding and damage to infrastructure. We are excited to receive federal support for this important and timely project."

**Patience Bennett , Mayor of Hopewell**

### **Historic Village at the Dismal Swamp**

"It has been a complete pleasure of mine as Mayor of Chesapeake to work with Congressman McEachin and his staff on a historically important project for the city. Long hours and unwavering determination by many members of the Chesapeake community have been the cornerstone of its preservation. This project has the highest potential to be a centerpiece in our city for all citizens to be able to reflect, inspire and learn about the important role the Dismal Swamp played during the late 1800's. This region of Chesapeake was considered by many who were enslaved against their will as a safe haven in the form of being a stop along for the Underground Railroad, as well as a permanent place of residency for those who stayed and established maroon communities within the Dismal Swamp."

**Rick West, Mayor of Chesapeake**

### **RTR Teacher Residency Early Childhood Pathway at Virginia Commonwealth University**

"We thank Rep. McEachin for his leadership in advocating for the RTR Teacher Residency Early Childhood Pathway. This initiative will build the framework to attract, support and retain the very best early childhood teachers in our public schools. We are thrilled that it is included in the House's FY22 funding legislation."

**Michael Rao, President of VCU and VCU Health System.**

## **Virginia Commonwealth University's RVA Gun Violence Prevention Framework**

"We thank Rep. McEachin for his leadership in advocating for the RVA Gun Violence Prevention Framework. Through collaboration with the community, this project will reduce gun violence in Richmond and beyond by changing the behaviors that lead to it. We are thrilled that it is included in the House's FY22 funding legislation."

**Michael Rao, President of VCU and VCU Health System.**

## **Prince George County's Extension of the Central Water System to Route 10 Corridor**

"We thank Congressman McEachin for this opportunity to solve critical infrastructure items within our community. The Route 10 water line extension will alleviate the aquifer impact of well-based water systems and help define our County for decades to come. Prince George County looks forward to a favorable congressional outcome as the grant request continues on its path."

**Floyd M. Brown, Chairman, Prince George County.**

## **An Achievable Dream Certified Academy**

"An Achievable Dream is honored to have been selected by Congressman McEachin for targeted federal funding. This funding will be indispensable to advancing our core mission of investing in underserved Virginia students over the long-term, providing access to academic resources, enriching learning experiences, life skills, and exposure to local employers and colleges to help prepare them for a lifetime of success. This funding is needed now more than ever and will allow us to bring our groundbreaking whole-child focused education and critical wrap-around supports to help more Virginia students and families. We thank Congressman McEachin for making this critical investment in our children and the Henrico County community."

**Lee Vreeland, Ed.D., President & CEO of An Achievable Dream Academies**

"Henrico County is grateful to Congressman McEachin for his efforts to secure this additional funding for the Achievable Dream Academy at Highland Springs Elementary School. The targeted federal funds will further boost the county's ongoing efforts to expand Achievable Dream to the sixth grade and beyond. The Academy is making great strides in changing the lives of many young people in Henrico, and our county is thankful for Congressman McEachin's continuing support of this vital program."

**Tyrone E. Nelson, Varina District Supervisor, Henrico County Board of Supervisors.**

## **City of Petersburg's Pharmaceutical Park / Poor Creek Sewer Service Area**

"The improvements to the Poor Creek Pump Station are vital for the city's ability to upgrade our sewer service area infrastructure. The upgrade will allow the city to bring even more economic development projects to the city as we continue to raise the standard of living of our citizens."

**Samuel Parham, Mayor of Petersburg.**

## **Ettrick Train Station Revitalization in Chesterfield**

"We couldn't be more grateful and appreciative to see our request for federal funding to improve the Ettrick Train Station moving forward. The \$1 million supported by Congressman McEachin solidifies Chesterfield's longstanding cooperation with our federal representatives to work for the common good of our residents, and to ensure worthwhile projects in Chesterfield command the attention of our partners in Washington."

**James "Jim" Holland, Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors Chair**

"Having these funds included as part of the proposed U.S. Appropriations bill is exciting news for Chesterfield, specifically for residents who live in Ettrick. The Ettrick community is rich in history and the train station acts as a gateway, serving as a primary transportation resource for the nearly 200,000 local residents, students, visitors, and employees to Ettrick, Virginia State University and Fort Lee. We are thankful for Congressman McEachin and his work in making sure this important project receives federal funding."

**Kevin Carroll, Representative for the Matoaca Magisterial District**

## **Surry County's Water System Upgrades**

"As a rural community, we must ensure that our infrastructure can meet the needs of our citizens and students. Small localities are faced with significant costs to replace aging infrastructure. We are glad to know that congressional resources could possibly support this project in Surry County. This project will ultimately improve the economic vitality of our community."

**Melissa Rollins, County Administrator for Surry County.**

"Surry County is fortunate to have been able to submit our school complex water system upgrade project to Congress for consideration. We are elated that the project is being considered and realize that it will have a very positive impact on our community overall. Small rural localities are often overlooked for large funding opportunities and we are very grateful to Congressman McEachin, his team, and the Appropriations Committee for their support of our application."

**David A. Harrison, Deputy County Administrator for Surry County**

## **Charles City County District Three Broadband Fiber Connectivity**

“Dependable high-speed internet access is necessary to sustain growing and thriving communities. This grant will help ensure that all county residents have access to the technology needed to support everyday activities of life.”

**Michelle Johnson, Charles City County Administrator.**

“On behalf of Charles City County District 3 residents, as well as the Board of Supervisors, I would like to thank Congressman McEachin for prioritizing our community for broadband access completion. With this grant, many more members of the Charles City Community will be able to participate fully in activities that many take for granted, such as online educational opportunities, online banking, and even church.”

**Byron Adkins, Sr., District 3 Representative**